

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: #58

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SUBJECT(S): Events, BBI Progress, Numbers and CYBER BITS

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1. Upcoming Events:

a. BRAC Business Initiative Meeting and Networking Session # 4:

- i. Date: 9 December 2009, 8 AM to 10 AM**
- ii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610**
- iii. Agenda:**
 - **Booz, Allen, Hamilton (BAH) Presentation**
 - **Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Presentation**
 - **Networking Between BBI Partners before and after the presentations**
- iv. Attendance: All members of the BBI organization and the public**

b. BRAC Business Initiative In Progress Review (IPR) # 4

- i. Date: 13 January, 8 AM to 10 AM**
- ii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610**
- iii. Agenda:**
 - Major Defense Contractor Presentation
 - In Progress Review
 - Networking Between BBI Partners before and after the presentations
- iv. Attendance: All members of the BBI organization and the public**

2. Discussion:

a. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI)Progress

- i. As we have stated more than once, to achieve our BBI objectives will not be easy. Simply put, we are identifying and documenting the “terrain” that small and minority businesses must traverse in order to successfully secure a contract with a Defense Agency or Defense Contractor. Not surprisingly we are finding great people in good organizations who populate this terrain. That said, it is a jungle out there!**
- ii. As of today, we have 335 BBI Business Partners and we expect to reach 400 by the New Year. We have constructed our first networking data base and it has been distributed to our partners. The BBI is a two year program and our structured networking will be in effect for at least that time. BBI information sessions, classes, meeting rooms, networking and matchmaking are supported by the Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee which is supported by the Department of Defense. Join the BBI or just be put on or BRAC distribution by emailing to rkudchadkar@howardcountymd.gov**

b. Numbers, Numbers and More Numbers:

- i. 22,000: The projected number of new employees coming to Fort Meade**
- ii. 25,000: The projected number of future employees in the National Business Park**
- iii. 5.8 Million Square Feet: The forecasted size of future NSA expansion**
- iv. 8,000: The number of Howard County residents working on Fort Meade**
- v. 1834: The projected number of new employees in the proposed new headquarters at FGGM.**

3. CYBER BITS:

“In 2007 we probably had our electronic Pearl Harbor. It was an espionage Pearl Harbor.” Lewis said. “Some unknown foreign power, and honestly, we don’t know who it is, broke into the Department of Defense, to the Department of State, probably the Department of Energy, probably NASA.....we probably lost the equivalent of a Library of Congress worth of government information in 2007. (Jim Lewis, Director for the Center for Strategic and International Studies. (60 MINUTES TV show.)